

Good morning Senator Slossberg, Representative Spallone and the rest of the Committee. My name is Harry Ray Soucy most of you known me as a Union Official but today I am here to speak to you as an individual personally effected by inmate FOI harassment. That is why I support H. B. No. 5404 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE NONDISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION EMPLOYEES TO INMATES UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Many of you know my family to the point that some of you have told my wife that you were sorry she was married to me and that my daughter was lucky to have taken after her mother. This bill would protect them just like you would want your families protected from anyone who might harm them, which is what this bill will do for my family and the families of the entire DOC personnel. I understand that when I took this job in Corrections that there would be personal risk for me. But there should not have to be a risk factor for my family. When an Inmate can gain personal information about us such as address, phone numbers, names of our family, and any other various personal things through what they have been requesting it becomes a danger not only to me but also to my family and the public. They would be able to pass this information to friends on the street and only bad things would result.

As an employee of the DOC you can be terminated for undo familiarity. By not passing this bill you would allow inmates to have access to information that could lead to undo familiarity thus not only putting employees at risk but also the public. I urge you to pass this bill to protect our families and the public. Thank you for your time I am willing to answer any questions you may have.